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Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on Haiti, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 7 April 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 22 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Haiti issued by the European Community and its member States on 7 April 1992

The Community and its member States reaffirm their conviction that the two Washington protocols of 23 and 25 February 1992 between representative Haitian partners remain an important step on the path towards the re-establishment of the rule of law in Haiti.

They deplore the fact that the protocol of 23 February has not been ratified by the Haitian Parliament and that the de facto authorities believed it necessary to have the constitutionality of that agreement verified.

They urge all Haitian parties to make a combined effort, in accordance with the verdict of the elections and with the constitution, to remove the obstacles to the settlement of the Haitian crisis as elaborated in Washington.

They recall that once again it is the Haitian people who are the victims of these delays and dilatory schemes.

The Community and its member States reiterate their intention to resume cooperation once a democratic regime has been reinstated in Haiti.